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## (54) Text input device and method

(57) A text input device (30) and method is disclosed which enables efficient and high-speed input of texts in a pen-input computer. A pen-input computer (30) has a liquid crystal display panel (8), a ROM (2) storing plural words and plural exemplary phrases, a pressure-sensitive tablet (9) and an input pen (25) for performing input to a soft keyboard displayed on the liquid crystal display panel (8) and selection of candidate words displayed as a pull-down menu or pop-up menu,

and a CPU (1) for retrieving a candidate word displayed on the liquid crystal display panel (8) on the basis of the input from the pressure-sensitive tablet (9) and the input pen (25) and/or a determined character array, so that text input is performed by selecting a desired word by the pressure-sensitive tablet (9) and the input pen (25) from the candidate words displayed on the liquid crystal display panel (8).

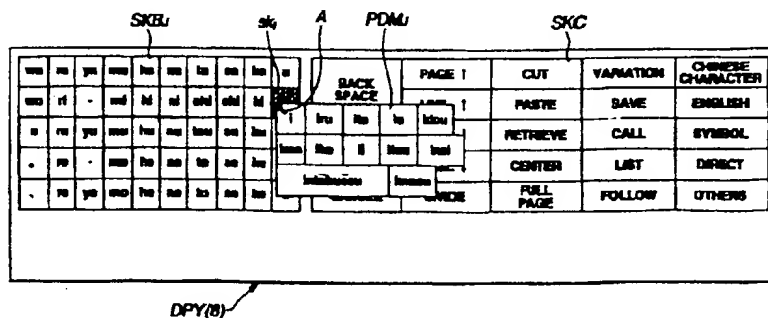


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